

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

09/258,151

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Raymond B. Persino

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendments after final filed 10/14/2004 and 11/9/2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-52.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 26 February 1999 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)           |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                                | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____ |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment                              |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br>of Biological Material          | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance  |
|   | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____   |

## EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

### *Allowable Subject Matter*

1. Claims 1-52 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The applicant's invention is geared toward the use of a temporary radio access network (RAN) identifier associated with a mobile terminal by a RAN node to assist in the transfer of information through the radio access network relating to a connection between the core network and mobile terminal. The closest prior art is MUSTAJARVI (WO 98/32304 A2). As made clear to the examiner in the interview on 10/7/2004 and the applicant's arguments filed 10/14/2004, the applicant's invention of claim 1 is neither anticipated by, nor rendered obvious by, MUSTAJARVI. MUSTAJARVI teaches the use of a temporary SGSN identifier associated with a mobile terminal by a SGSN node to assist in the transfer of information through the SGSN network relating to a connection between the core network and mobile terminal. As evidenced by the applicant's exhibits filed on 10/14/2004, an SGSN is part of a core network and not part of a RAN. As such, MUSTAJARVI's temporary identifier is a temporary core network identifier and not a temporary RAN identifier. Further, MUSTAJARVI's temporary identifier is not assigned by a RAN node but a core network node (SGSN) instead. Moreover, MUSTAJARVI's temporary identifier is not used to assist in the transfer of information through the radio access network but is used to assist in the transfer of information through the core (SGSN) network instead. The applicant's invention could be considered a RAN

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adaptation of the concept of MUSTAJARVI's temporary core network identifier, however motivation is lacking to make such an adaptation of MUSTAJARVI's teaching.

Moreover, such an adaptation may not be directly possible given the different environments of the core network and radio access network. Lastly, no new prior art has been discovered that would anticipate or render obvious the applicant's invention of claim 1. As such, the applicant's invention of claim 1, when considered in its entirety, comprises a unique combination of subject matter that is neither taught nor suggested by the prior art. The applicant's inventions of claims 13, 19, 24, 40 and 50, at the least, comprises subject matter similar to claim 1 and are therefore allowed for the same reasons.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

### ***Conclusion***

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Raymond B. Persino whose telephone number is (703) 308-7528. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 8:00 AM to 5:30 PM.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vivian C. Chin can be reached on (703) 308-6739. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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